

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 24-48 are pending. No new matter has been added. The present application has been filed to pursue subject matter withdrawn by the Examiner in the parent application Serial No. 09/705,911, as allegedly being directed to separately patentable subject matter.

A Petition to Extend the life of the parent application Serial No. 09/705,911, is being filed in the parent application.

A copy of the executed Declaration from the parent application is being filed herewith.

The specification has been amended above to include a copy of the Sequence Listing filed November 6, 2000 in the parent application Serial No. 09/705,911. The attached paper copy of the Sequence Listing is the same as the paper and computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing filed in the grandparent application Serial No. 09/091,538. The Patent Office is requested to use the computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing from the grandparent application Serial No. 09/091,538, for the present application. A separate Request in this regard is provided herewith.

Figure 1 has been amended above to include the formal drawing filed November 6, 2000, in the parent application Serial No. 09/705,911. Acknowledgement of receipt of the same and acceptance of the drawing are requested in the Examiner's next Action.

Return of an initialed copy of the attached PTO-1449 Form, which lists documents of record of the parent application Serial No. 09/705,911, is requested. Further copies of the cited documents are not believed to be required at this time,

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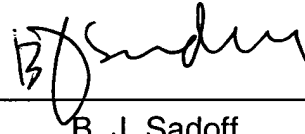
pursuant to MPEP Section 609. The Examiner is requested to advise the undersigned
however if further copies are required.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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